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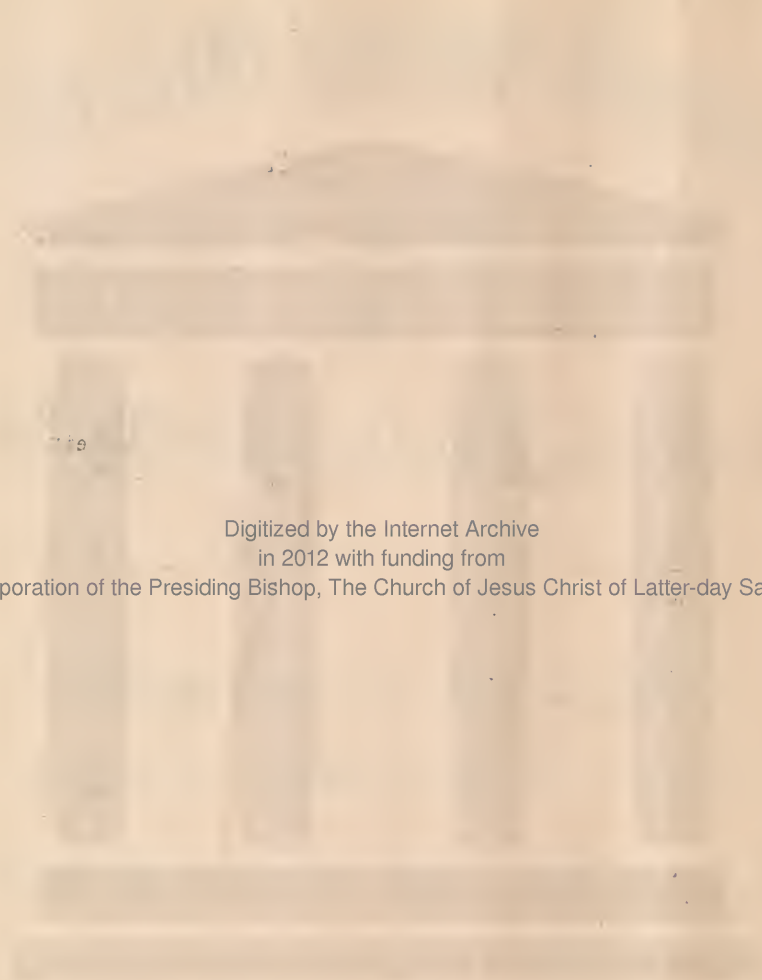
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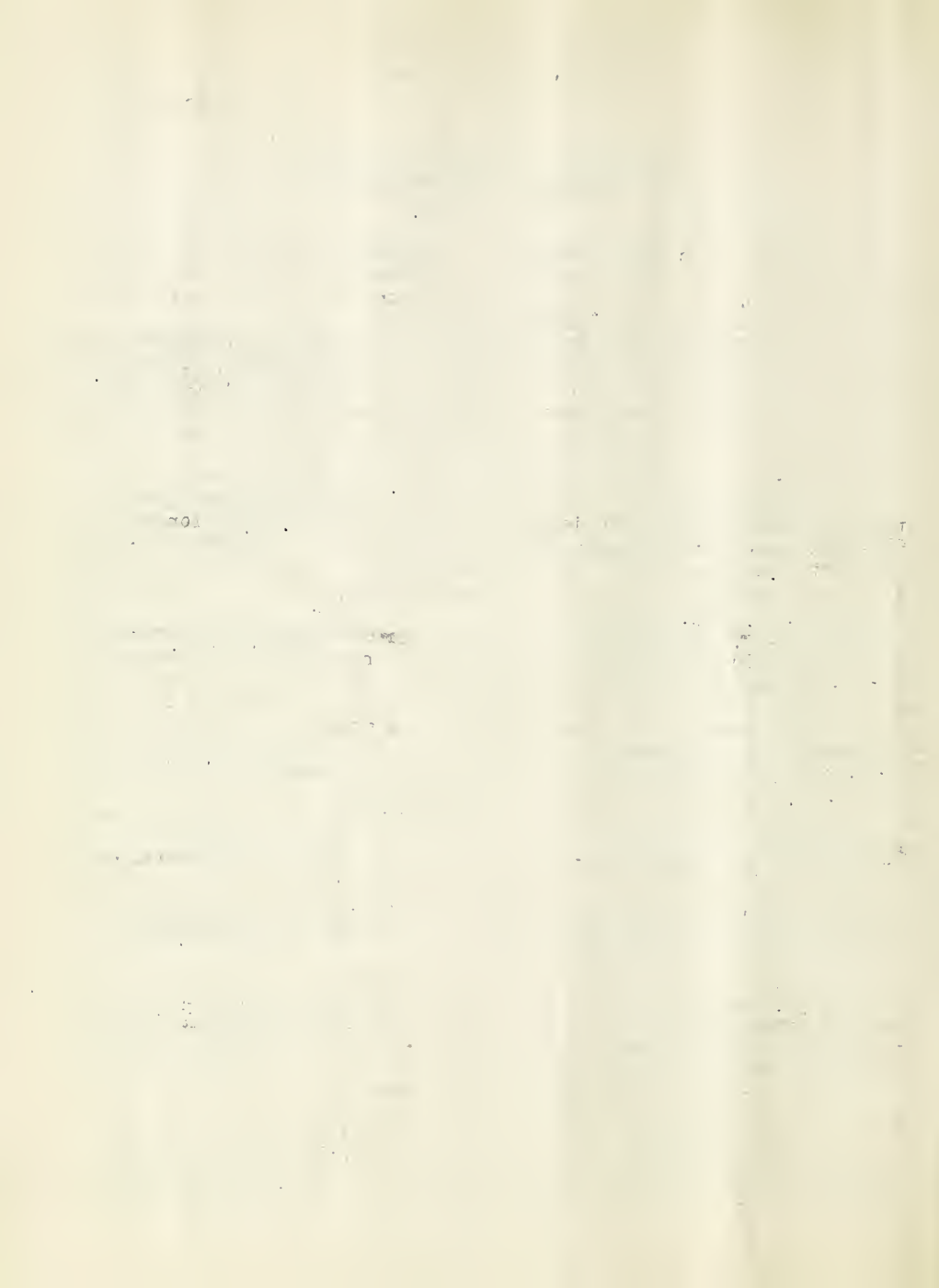
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"THE UNIVERSALITY OF CHRISTMAS DAY".

As the years and centuries come and go, there is no diminishing of the world's interest in Christmas. Whether the man be Jew or Gentile, white, black, or brown, atheist, agnostic or Christian, Christmas has some interest for him.

To the business world this is a month of contemplation and anticipation for large business requirements to supply the needs of those who desire to give festivity and cheer to others.

The public service throughout the world has to be largely increased to meet the exchange of international greetings in its varied forms.

Indeed, there seems to be no phase of the economic or domestic life which is not very seriously affected for real good that even those whose strength is so heavily taxed with the long hours and extra work appear to go at it with smiles and a good will, thus verifying the promise of the Heavenly Host on that occasion—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth Peace, good will toward all men".

The very fact that the above is manifestly true throughout the whole world, and generally all men do really desire peace and happiness, surely it is more so with God, for He has declared that He so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son for the redemption of men, that they might be assisted in bringing about this wonderful condition of affairs.

Because they have seen the opposite conditions prevailing since history has been recorded many are inclined to submit to the idea that it is the natural or true condition for the human race.

But God, our Eternal Father, and His Son, Jesus Christ, have declared that it is not a correct or natural condition for the human race to live in such discord, but a probationary state, giving man power to develop by resisting evil instead of submitting to it.

He whose birth we so joyously commemorate throughout the whole world, declared that: He was the way, the truth, and the life, and if the world would live in accord with His divine plan, i.e., "Love thy neighbour as thyself", the very Utopia we so earnestly desire and hope for can be accomplished.

The time has arrived when men ought to realize that they have been deceived into believing that the present unhappy conditions are natural, and perceive the truthfulness of the laws of God which have again been revealed to His prophets for correct living. God's plan earnestly appeals first to the individual, then to the home, then the nation will gladly follow. It is impossible

to commence with the world; that method is absolutely contrary to God's system. "Train a child when he is young in the way he should go," then, when he is old he will not depart from it". We must train the unit correctly if we hope to have the whole obey.

The powers of evil deception realize that the time for the destruction of its powers is at hand, and the great sorrow to many today is the terrible indifference manifested by individuals and the people as a whole to the methods God is using to bring about the peace on earth and good will toward all men.

God's plan is: That the world with age and reason should resist the powers of evil, and seek to know and follow after righteousness. He has called and sent His prophets and teachers to give plain and definite instruction, that all may know, even the wayfar- ing man, though a fool need not err therein if he manifests a will- ingness to be taught. But if he refuses, the time is near at hand when the word of the Lord through the prophet Moses will be ful- filled - "A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me: him shall ye hear in all things what- soever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass that every soul which will not hear that prophet shall be destroyed from among the people". (Acts 3:22-23.)

It is in this manner that God will establish the reign of peace and good will on earth, not because He would not like it to be established by the plan and means of a world repentance, but be- cause the world refuse to hear the voice of warning by the pro- phets of God. They have allowed themselves to be deceived into des- troying the prophets of God from age to age until this time, now God is going very soon to turn the tables upon His adversaries and destroy all who allow themselves to be deceived by the evil power, and build up a people who can and will live the divine plan as taught by Him, whose birth the whole world welcomes, but whose teachings all of us have so grossly ignored to the utter destruc- tion of nearly all flesh.

Let this Christmas tide be one in which all Latter Day Saints not only rejoice in His humble birth, but renew their covenants to always remember Him, and keep the commandments which He has given, that they may be prepared for His second coming, which is the only way to glorify God and bring about peace on earth and good will amongst men and all of His other creations. For truly, peace on earth means the destruction of enmity with the animal and even the vegetable creations of our Father. He saw that all His creations were very good, and the restoration to that condition is the goal we may expect in the near future, but the pangs of its ushering in will be terrible to those living in sin and discord.

Let us all act at once, while the angelic song and declara- tion is within our reach - "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will toward all men". (Luke 2:14).

"A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION".

by

Andrew Jenson, Assistant Church Historian.

Elders Jesse Haven, Leonard I. Smith and William H. Walker were the first Latter Day Saint missionaries sent by the authorities of the Church to labour in South Africa. They sailed from England February 11th, 1853, arriving in Cape Town April 19th, of the same year.

Immediately upon their arrival they made application for the use of the Town Hall, which was granted upon condition that they paid for the lighting. They made arrangements to hold meetings in the hall for six consecutive nights, and commenced to advertise these meetings. On the first evening, April 25th, the hall was nearly filled. Elder Haven was the first speaker, addressing the audience upon the first principles of the Gospel. He was followed by Elder Leonard I. Smith who bore a powerful testimony of the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith. At this, some of the listeners became so excited that it was impossible to continue the meeting on account of the confusion. The following evening the brethren found the hall closed against them. They obtained the use of other halls, but mobbers caused so much confusion that it was impossible to speak. Some preachers also delivered lectures in opposition to the teachings of the Elders. Friends were raised up, and some desired baptism, but were afraid to make a decided stand. Finally a Mr. Paul of Mowbray, (a suburb of Cape Town) a man of influence, permitted the Elders to hold meetings at his home, informing the audience at the commencement of the meeting, that if they did not wish to listen they could leave, but the first man who offered an insult on his premises would be in danger of "having more holes made through him than a skimmer", and as long as the Elders remained in the vicinity, Mr. Nicholas Paul was their friend, and soon afterwards requested baptism.

On Wednesday, June 15th, 1853, Elder Leonard I. Stringer baptized Henry Stringer at Mowbray, as the first fruit of the labours of the Elders in South Africa. Previously, on May 23rd, Elders Haven, Smith, and Walker, had organised themselves into the first Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in South Africa.

On June 23rd, 1853, Elder William H. Walker baptized Mr. Nicholas Paul, the gentleman who had so valiantly defended them; this was the second baptism in the Mission. The following day, Mrs. Paul and others were baptized, and six months after the arrival of the Elders in Cape Town they had baptized 45 persons, organised two Branches and blessed a number of children.

They also sent to England for a number of books and tracts. The Branches in the vicinity of Cape Town were later organised as the Cape Conference.

On February 23rd, 1854, a Branch was organised at Beaufort by Elder William H. Walker. Elder Smith was doing a good work at Port Elizabeth, where several had been baptized but no Branch organised on account of the scattered condition of the converts. Later, a flourishing Branch was established at Port Elizabeth.

At a Conference held at Port Elizabeth August 13th, 1855, the Church in the Cape of Good Hope (South African Mission) consisted of 3 Conferences, 6 Branches, and a total membership of 126.

On November 27th, 1855, Elders William H. Walker and Leonard I. Smith sailed from Port Elizabeth per the ship "Unity", accompanied by fifteen emigrating Saints bound for Zion. Elder Jesse Haven remained in Cape Colony. The ship "Unity" was purchased by two members of the Church, Charles Roper and John Stock, one from Beaufort and the other from Port Elizabeth, on account of the difficulty in securing passage by steerage for the company. The ship was chartered to London with a cargo.

On December 15th, 1855, Elder Jesse Haven left Cape Town with a small company of emigrating Saints en route for Salt Lake City. At that time 176 persons had been baptized in the whole colony. Some had emigrated and some had been excommunicated, leaving in all 121 Saints in the Colony after Elder Haven left. Elder Edward Slaughter was left in charge of the Latter Day Saints in the Port Elizabeth Conference, and Elder Richard Provis in the Cape Colony Conference.

In 1857, Elder Ebenezer C. Richardson was sent from the British Mission to preside over the "Cape of Good Hope Mission". He was accompanied by Elder James Brooks. They arrived in their new field of labour in the fall of that year. As is usually the case when the Elders are absent for any length of time, the newly arrived missionaries found the Church in South Africa in a somewhat unsatisfactory condition, although the presiding Elders had laboured with great fidelity. When Elders Richardson and Brooks left for home in the spring of 1858, the Church had a membership of 243. At that time Elder Richard Provis still presided over the Cape Colony Conference, and Elder John Stock was president of the Eastern Province Conference.

In March, 1859, thirty Saints emigrating to Zion left Port Elizabeth on the ship "Alacrity", in charge of Elder Jos. R. Humphreys.

In December, 1861, Elders William Fotheringham, Henry A. Dixon, and John Talbot arrived in Cape Town as missionaries from Zion.

In March, 1863, a company of 15 emigrating Saints left Port Elizabeth bound for Zion, and a few days later the barque "Henry Ellis" left the same port with a company of 30 emigrants. These were in charge of Elders Robert Grant and John Stock, (local Elders) respectively.

Elders Fotheringham, Dixon and Talbot remained in Cape Colony until the spring of 1864, having laboured considerably in Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Pietermaritzburg, Grahamstown, Humansdorp, Winterburg, etc. Considerable success was achieved among the German and Dutch residents in these localities. Elder Minor G. Atwood, a Zion Elder who had been labouring for some time in the Mission, succeeded Elder Fotheringham in the presidency of the Mission. In April, 1865, Elder Atwood, in charge of a company of emigrating converts, sailed from Port Elizabeth homeward bound, leaving the Mission in charge of local Saints.

Elder Edward Slaughter of Port Elizabeth, writing under date of July 8th, 1866, said: "Our colony is in a miserable condition --, the work of the Lord is at a standstill here. Many are, however, satisfied of the truth of "Mormonism", but are unwilling to surrender the opinions and praise of men for the favour and praise of God".

It was nearly forty years before the South African Mission was re-opened. On July 25th, 1903, Elders Warren H. Lyon, William R. Smith, Thomas L. Griffiths and George A. Simpkins arrived in Cape Town to re-open a Latter Day Saint Mission in that part of the world. In spite of the long lapse of years they found a few scattered members, showing that the seed sown by the former missionaries still bore fruit, and that at no time since the Mission was opened in 1853 had the Cape of Good Hope and the surrounding district been without at least a few members of the Church.

"LATTER DAY REVELATION PREDICTIONS".

Lutus Grattona, in his "Hope of Zion", printed in Switzerland in 1739, says:

"The old time Gospel and the gifts thereof are lost; false doctrines prevail in every Church and in all the land. All that we can do is to exhort the people to be just, fear God, and shun evil, and pray, pray, pray. Prayer and purity may cause an angel to visit a deep and depressed soul, but, I tell you, that in 100 years God will have spoken. He will restore the old Church again. I see a little band of people led by a prophet and faithful Elders. They are persecuted, burned out, murdered, but in a valley which lies on the shores of a great lake, they will grow and make a beautiful land, have a temple of magnificent splendour, and also possess the old Priesthood, with Apostles, Prophets, Teachers and Deacons. From every nation will the true believers be gathered by speedy messengers, and then will God almighty speak to disobedient nations with thunders and lightnings, such as were never heard of before in history."

The book which contains the above predictions can be found in the University Library in Basel, Switzerland.

"THE EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY"

The world has said that one of the most dangerous things in "Mormonism" is the authority that they preach. They claim that it is dangerous because it places power in the hands of men that can be used for unscrupulous purposes. Had they known a little more concerning this authority they could not make a statement of this sort.

Let us consider our authority among the brethren. We are taught that in the Celestial Kingdom (the Kingdom of God), "all are equal in power, and in might, and in dominion. Acting in concert, their glory is one, even as the glory of the sun is one" - (Doctrine and Covenants, Section 76:95-96.) We are endeavouring now to live this celestial law, though still in the flesh, as our organisation is based upon it.

Paul, writing to the Ephesians, (Chapter 4:11-16) likens the organisation to a human body of which Christ is the head - "From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, which maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love". There is no word of precedence or greater power or dominion among these parts fitly joined together. The power of the body proceeds from the effectual working in the measure of every part", and every part has its specific duty to perform. Confusion can only arise when a part tries to usurp authority or perform duties belonging to another part.

This brings us to the thought that authority is the right to perform certain services for the nurture and up-building of the body, or, as Paul has it, "increase of the body, and edifying itself in love".

When the mother of Zebedees' children came to Christ, desiring special privileges for her sons, (Matt. 20:20-28) He told His disciples plainly that the authority that they were receiving was different to that of the Gentiles. Instead of being served or ministered to, they were to be the servants, and he who was able to serve best would be the greatest among them. This teaching was repeated on another occasion, (Matt. 23) concluding with the warning (Verse 12), "And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased, and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted".

The teaching concerning the unity of the body is continued in Corinthians, the twelfth chapter, where it is shown how Christ, the Head, operates by spiritual power through the various members of the body, and states plainly that more attention should be paid to the uncomely parts of the body, for if the ugly parts of the body be made beautiful, how much more beautiful will be the healthy parts. "That there should be no schism (division) in

the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it". (Verses 25-26).

In these teachings Paul has also shown plainly that no one part can say to the other - "You are not necessary" or "I am more important than you".

In this organisation I have found the rights of the minority more safely guarded than in any other organisation in the world.

The teachings of the Church on "Free Agency" restore self respect and joy to the man who was at one time a slave to sin.

The principle of Unity in decisions which calls for unanimous voting on the part of its members, together with the teaching of co-operation in all things are in themselves answers to the fears of the world.

In the Doctrine and Covenants, Section 121, Verses 34-46, are given the words of the Lord through the Prophet Joseph Smith on the exercise of authority by the Priesthood in the offices they are called to fill;

"Behold, there are many called, but few are chosen. And why are they not chosen?

Because their hearts are set so much upon the things of this world, and aspire to the honours of men, that they do not learn this one lesson -

That the rights of the Priesthood are inseparably connected with the powers of heaven, and that the powers of heaven cannot be controlled nor handled only upon the principles of righteousness.

That they may be conferred upon us it is true; but when we undertake to cover our sins, or to gratify our pride, our vain ambition, or to exercise control, or dominion, or compulsion upon the souls of the children of men, in any degree of unrighteousness, behold, the heavens withdraw themselves; the Spirit of the Lord is grieved; and when it is withdrawn, Amen to the Priesthood, or the authority of that man.

Behold! ere he is aware, he is left unto himself, to kick against the pricks; to persecute the Saints, and to fight against God.

We have learned, by sad experience, that it the nature and disposition of almost all men, as soon as they get a little authority, as they suppose, they will immediately begin to exercise unrighteous dominion.

Hence many are called, but few are chosen."

I know these things are true, therefore I do not fear unrighteous dominion, and my soul rejoices in this, the work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Clarence B. Spear, Pres. Bloemfontein Branch.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

From President and Sister Martin

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

Last year as a means of sending our Christmas and New Year greetings to you we endeavoured to reach you all by card. This year we have great joy in doing so in our "Cumorah Monthly Bulletin", with a desire that it will reach many more of you who have shown us so much kindness during 1927.

We appreciate your efforts and co-operation with us and all the Elders in the several Districts and auxiliary organisations, through which much good has been done.

We would appeal to the parents to give earnest attention to the young members of their families. Protect them from the general tendency which prevails in so many homes where little children are allowed to play about the streets after dark; endeavour to guide them in their associates, in their readings and pleasures.

There is such a flood of salacious, trashy literature which many boys and girls are devouring, which will develop within them depraved minds, besides the absolute waste of precious hours which could otherwise and ought to be used in intellectual development, preparing them for useful citizenship.

Where you are removed from the regular weekly calls and opportunities for the ministrations of the servants of God, endeavour to arrange with your families one evening at least each week in real scriptural studies, Father taking the lead.

If you have not the subject matter to study, send us a line and we will endeavour to send you such subjects and literature as will be helpful to you.

There is real danger lurking in every walk of life today to the chastity and purity of our boys and girls. Mothers and Fathers! become the chums of your sons and daughters; see that they are not allowed to go out into the world to fight a terrible and dangerous foe unarmed.

Take them right into your life and teach them the real principles of life and purity and love. There are no souls more precious in the sight of God than those of your own offspring.

Always remember that the one great call of the scriptures is: "Be Prepared". If you have not prepared your own family God will require their blood at thine hand.

We pray the Lord to abundantly bless you in all your temporal and spiritual affairs, and that 1928 may prove to be a year of great blessings to you all.

If you would like to have the best out of life, make up

your mind not to go into debt, and if you have contracted debts, economise and economise until you are freed from debt.

Debt robs us of joy and good health.

Do not forget to pay the Lord His dues. We all need His blessings, and the surest way of obtaining them is to do that which He has commanded us.

Help us in this great work by cheerfully forgiving each other every real or imaginary wrong; build up your meetings, and strengthen your organisation classes by being there prepared.

To all to whom this Bulletin may come, please accept our love and kindest wishes for a wonderful coming year in every way good for you.

Clara A Martin
Sam'l Martin

"KEEPING BUSY"

When attending to my spinning, or whatever tasks are mine, I don't see my neighbours sinning - I suppose they're acting fine. While I fumigate my chickens or repair the kitchen flue, folks may act up like the dickens, I don't notice what they do. Oh, I'm singing, angel-throated, as I tinker in the rain, and my thoughts are all devoted to my labours safe and sane. So I do not hear the scandals that are flying through the town, and I do not meet the vandals who would wreck some fair renown. And I miss the vicious stories that the gossips weave all day, for I hoe my morning glories in the good old fashioned way. Busy people do not peddle tales that stir up human strife; busy people do not meddle with the dirty dregs of life; they are thinking of achievement, of the toil that makes a hit, and they know their great bereavement when the darkness makes them quit. Idlers spend their time inventing tales that makes old Satan grin, they're the sleuth-hounds that are scenting every trail that hints of sin; and the wholesome men are sweating as the golden moments flit, only worrying and fretting when the darkness makes them quit.

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- Walt Mason.

(Copied from "The Deseret News".)

"There is a law, irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundations of this world, upon which all blessings are predicated; and when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated".

(Doctrine and Covenants 31:20-21.)

"MISSION NEWS".

"Cumorah" Mowbray.

This past month has been one of much success throughout this District, and we feel to rejoice in the blessings of the Lord which have attended us.

We are happy to say that a Baptismal Service was held Sunday morning, November 20th, when Brother Louie J. Swart and family were added to the Church.

A short trip to Moorreesburg by District President William E. Hutchings and Elder Bertram J. Glynn proved successful, inasmuch as they had the opportunity of baptising Sister A. G. Brummer's little son, Jacobus. A Sacrament Meeting was also held while there.

Sister Matilda Quick of Ogden, Utah, formerly of Port Elizabeth, arrived in Cape Town on Monday, November 21st, per the R.M.V. Carnarvon Castle. Brother P. L. Stoman, of the Strand, who has been waiting for seven years for the opportunity of making her his bride, met her at the docks, and later they were quietly married.

On November 23rd, President and Sister Samuel Martin celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary by giving a social at "Cumorah", at which Brother and Sister Stoman were the guests of honour. This social also marked the event of the closing session of the Mutual Improvement Association for the remainder of the year. It will reopen some time in February. x

All the Sisters of the Branch have been very busy preparing for the Bazaar that is to be held on December 1st.

- District Clerk Rex C. Ellsworth.

"Ramah" Johannesburg.

The past month in this District has brought us much success, and we have every cause to rejoice in the blessings that we have received.

All of our meetings have shown an increase in attendance. At our Cottage Meetings we have had some new friends in attendance who seem to be taking a keen interest in our message.

We have been kept very busy throughout the month in painting and cleaning up "Ramah".

Early in the month the Mutual Improvement Association held a fancy-dress Halloween party, which was the closing social for the year. The Hall was beautifully decorated, and everyone present had a most enjoyable time.

On Sunday, October 30th, (District) President Paul A. Thorn visited the Saints in Pretoria, and held a meeting at the home of Brother and Sister Hubert, at which there were 13 in attendance. They are desirous of meeting together more often, and it is to be hoped that we will be able to send one Elder to Pretoria to hold

called to report

meetings each Sunday, in the near future. ✕

On November 12th a baby girl arrived at the home of Brother and Sister Kerr Orr. Sister Orr was formerly Sister Edna Muir.

During the month Elders Wells L. Evans and O. Layton Alldredge also made a visit to Pretoria, and held another very successful Cottage Meeting, with 14 in attendance, 5 of whom were investigators.

We are planning to hold another Baptismal Service on November 29th, which will make the fourth held in this District during this year.

On Saturday, December 3rd, the Relief Society will hold the Annual Bazaar, which they have been preparing for for some time. We feel very optimistic regarding this, and hope that it will be a great success.

President Noel G. Knight, of the Kimberley District, has just arrived here, and is spending a few days with us prior to his leaving for Convention.

We are ever praying for the success of our Saints and friends throughout the Mission.

- District Clerk Leroy H. Duncan.

Port Elizabeth District.

The past month has been one of strength and great joy, as our labours have been blessed considerably.

On Wednesday, October 26th, a farewell social was held in our Hall in honour of District President Grant H. Mortensen, who sailed for home per the "Adolph Woermann" on October 27th. There was a large crowd present, and everyone enjoyed themselves.

A successful visit was paid to the Uitenhage Branch during the early part of the month.

On Saturday, November 19th, a Baptismal Service was held, when five souls were added to the Church, Thos. W. Appleby, Francis Slabbert, Rebecca and Isabelle Zon, and Caroline Brooks.

We have held several Cottage Meetings during the past month which have proved a source of strength to all. Our tracting work has been somewhat interfered with, owing to the preparations necessary for Baptismal Services, and making out Annual Reports.

We feel that the Lord has blessed us greatly in our labours, and we are eagerly looking forward to a successful Convention in December.

Our kindest regards are extended to all throughout the Mission.

- District Clerk Sheldon R. Free.

Bloemfontein District.

It is with great joy that we report our past month's work.

During the early part of the month, District Presidents N. G. Knight and Foyal L. Smith exchanged visits in their respective

Districts. These visits proved a source of strength to all concerned, and inasmuch as this was probably President Knight's last visit to Bloemfontein, a social was given by Bro. and Sister Reuben Penny, on November 5th.

As a result of a year's hard work, the Relief Society now has a very nice display of goods for their Annual Bazaar, which will be held on December 2nd.

We are planning to hold a Baptismal Service on Nov. 26th, at which Mrs. Johanna Carolina Ninow will be baptized.

Two very successful Street Meetings have been held during the past month, and we find that a great deal of strength comes to our Branch through these meetings.

Early in the month we were able to do a little tracting, which we found very successful, but for the past two weeks, our entire time has been spent in preparing for our coming Convention, and in making out Annual Reports.

The Lord has truly blessed us throughout the past month, for which we are very grateful.

- District Clerk Chas. W. Larson.

Kimberley District.

The work of the Lord has, throughout this past month, been steadily going ahead.

Our work has been somewhat interfered with owing to the preparation of Annual Reports, but these are now finished, and we are busy preparing that the work may carry on while the Elders are absent at Convention.

Both the Sunday School and Mutual are progressing nicely, and are a source of strength to this Branch.

A local Kimberley paper recently published a good article on the new Latter Day Saint Temple erected in Arizona. This has been a great help to us in our work.

On November 25th, District President Noel G. Knight left for Johannesburg, where he will visit for a short time before leaving for Convention.

We are continually praying for the success of our brethren in this land.

- District Clerk Wm. B. Holland.

Natal District.

The work of the Lord is continually progressing in this District. The people are becoming more interested in our message, and we have had the opportunity of visiting a few new homes, who have received us kindly.

Our time has mostly been spent in visiting throughout this past month, which has kept us busy, as we were desirous of visiting all the Saints and friends prior to leaving for Convention. President Marion L. Allred is planning to go via Johannesburg, and

Elder O. N. Beckstead per Mail boat.

On Wednesday evening, November 23rd, Bro. and Sister Jack Moore gave a farewell social in honour of President Allred, who will labour in Johannesburg on his return from Convention.

We are earnestly looking forward to our Convention, and hope that it will meet with the greatest success.

We are very pleased to hear of the success of our brethren, and to see the favourable articles in several of the leading newspapers throughout the country, which, we believe, will do much toward breaking down some of the prejudice existing toward us.

- District Clerk Oral N. Beckstead.

East London District.

Our labours in this District have been progressing nicely during this past month; and we feel grateful for the success which the Lord has given us.

We have finished first tracting in the Southernwood District, and have nearly completed second tracting, which has kept us very busy, and were it but a little cooler we would be enjoying ourselves to the fullest extent.

The Saints and friends are interested in the wonderful Gospel principles, and the "Cumorah Monthly Bulletin" is helping in the good work by bringing forth truths in simplicity, so that they can be understood by all.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Convention, when we can meet and have the association of all the Elders and Saints in Cape Town.

Elder Grant H. Mortensen visited with us on October 28th, en route to his home in Zion via the East Coast.

- District Clerk Ray W. Ellsworth.

"A M B I T I O N"

Live for something, have a purpose,
And that purpose keep in view.
Drifting like a helpless vessel
Thou canst never to life be true.
Half the wrecks that strew life's ocean,
If some star had been their guide,
Might have long been riding safely:-
But they drifted with the tide.

- Robert Whitaker.

CAPE	MISC.	TRCT.	VIS. INV.	VIS. STS.	ATG. MTG.	STDY.	TOTAL.	HRS. G.C.	NO. INV.	BOL. DIS.	PAMPH & TRACTS.
W.F. Hutchings	74	40.5	59.5	53.5	67	73.5	368	63.5	51	4	343
R.C. Ellsworth	62	39	38.5	43.5	69	104	356	34	38	5	208
B.I. Glynn	64	47	38.5	48	62	78	337.5	31.5	30	0	323
TRANSVAAL											
F.A. Thorn	146.5		48	87.5	51	28.5	361.5	65	73	2	28
W.L. Evans	130	11	47	61.5	42.5	51	343	56	41	7	71
L.H. Duncan	132.5	2.5	48.5	63	48.5	51	346	33.5	50	0	14
O.L. Allredge	118	8.5	41	70.5	41.5	57.5	337	33	35	0	44
PORT ELIZABETH.											
R.H. Beckstead	70.5	16.5	87	60	53.5	90	377.5	81	117	0	181
S.R. Free	73	10	86	53.5	53	94.5	370	76.5	119	0	176
BLOENFONTEIN.											
F.L. Smith	83	11	71	86	58	45.5	354.5	65	96	0	130
C.W. Larson	69.5	16	36.5	86	53	30.5	291.5	73	37	0	312
KIMBERLEY											
N.G. Knight	71.5	13	63	83.5	59	53	343	54	64	1	205
W.B. Holland	60.5	13.5	66	83	56	54	333	52.5	84	0	83
NATAL											
M.L. Allred	75.5	3	103	61.5	35.5	69.5	348	86.5	60	0	10
O.N. Beckstead	74	3	102.5	61.5	35.5	69.5	346	86	80	0	20
EAST LONDON											
R.F. Madsen	71	25.5	63.5	61.5	46	76.5	344	89	54	3	209
R.W. Ellsworth	52.5	42	63	52	46	72	327.5	76	43	1	351
DISTRICT AVERAGE.											
Cape	66.5	42	45.5	48.3	66	85	354	43	39.3	2.9	291.3
Transvaal	131.7	5.5	46.1	70.6	45.9	47	346.9	46.9	52.2	2.3	39.2
Port Elizabeth	71.7	13.3	86.5	56.8	53.2	92.3	373.7	78.7	118	0	178.5
Bloemfontein	76.7	13.5	53.8	86	55.5	38	323	69	66.5	0	221
Kimberley	66	13.3	64.5	83.2	57.5	53.5	338	53.2	74	.5	144
Natal	74.7	3	102.8	61.5	35.5	69.5	347	86.2	80	0	15
East London	61.3	33.3	63.2	56.3	46	74.2	335.3	82.5	48.5	2	280
MISSION AVERAGE	78.3	17.7	66.1	66.1	51.3	65.6	345.4	65.6	68.3	1.1	167
Dayisms.	Cape 4.	Port Elizabeth 5.	Children blessed.	Cape 1.							
Meetings Held.	Cape 68.	Transvaal 63.	Port Elizabeth 53.	Bloemfontein 50.	Kimberley 55.	Natal 39.					
	East London 44.			Leo R. Jensen,	Mission Sec.						